

MOHAN): (a) to (d) The price of Potassium Penicillin G-first Crystals has been fixed on the basis of cost-cum-technical study conducted by BICP of the cost structure of M/s. HAL. M/s. IDPL. M/s. Alembic and M/s. Standard Pharmaceuticals. Prices of all bulk drugs are fixed on the basis of similar cost-cum-technical studies which are of confidential nature and it is not in public interest to disclose these. As per BICP Report strain employed and the technology adopted differs from manufacturer to manufacturer thereby resulting in variation in raw materials and their quantities.

Expansion of Rajasthan Desert

2108. SHRI SYED SHAHABUD-DIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rajasthan desert has been expanding particularly towards Haryana and Delhi;

(b) the estimated area of the land which has turned into desert during the last decade;

(c) whether the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research has developed methods for controlling the movement of the desert;

(d) whether the Government have introduced any programme for desert control as distinct from desert development; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI G. VENKAT-SWAMY): (a) On the basis of the past 25 years' research work conducted by Central Arid Zone Research Institute, Jodhpur, it is found that there is no indication of expansion of Thar Desert towards Haryana and Delhi.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir. However, the Central Arid Zone Research Institute, Jodhpur under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is conducting studies in monitoring of desertification process through resource surveys.

(d) and (e) There is no other specific programme for controlling expansion of desert in Rajasthan. However, the following programmes under implementation in Rajasthan are likely to control the desertification process:

(1) *National Watershed Development Programme for rainfed Areas (NWDPA)*: This project was launched in Rajasthan in 1986 and during 7th Plan this was implemented in 104 watersheds covering 43,333 hectares in 16 districts at a cost of Rs. 5.10 crores. During 8th Plan, 188 watersheds at a rate of 1 in each block in 27 districts covering an area of 3.4 lakh hectares have been targeted for development at a cost of Rs. 135.98 crores. During 1990-92, Rs. 9.25 crores have been released for the development of identified watersheds.

(2) *Aforestation programmes under various schemes*: The total area covered under various central and state plan schemes including the World Bank aided social forestry project in Rajasthan during the Seventh Five Year Plan is 2.84 lakh hectares. Total expenditure under all these schemes is Rs. 125.79 crores. Total financial assistance provided to Rajasthan under various centrally sponsored afforestation schemes/programmes during 1990-91 and 1991-92 is Rs. 10.49 crores.

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Telecast/Broadcast of Programmes on Abul Kalam Azad During His Centenary Year

2109. SHRI SYED SHAHABUD-DIN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of programmes on Abul Kalam Azad broadcast/telecast by AIR and Doordarshan respectively during his centenary year; and

(b) the duration of language of each programme broadcast/telecast, radio station-wise and TV centre-wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b) Details of programmes broadcast/telecast in the National Hook-up/network by All India Radio and Doordarshan on Abul Kalam Azad during his cen-

tenary year, are given in the Statements I and II, respectively.

Details of programmes broadcast/telecast by different stations/kendras of All India Radio and Doordarshan are not kept centrally in a compiled form.

STATEMENT I

Details of programmes broadcast by All India Radio in the National Hook-Up on Maulana Abul Kalam Azad during his Centenary Year

Sl. No.	Date of Broadcast	Programme	Language of Prog.	Duration
1	11-11-88	Homage to Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Talk by Prof. Mohammed Hassan of JNU.	English	7 mts.
2	11-11-88	Maulana Azad ka Shiksha aur Sahitya mein yogdaan Discussion : Participants: 1. Dr. A.R. Kidwai, Vice Chancellor, Aligarh Muslim University; 2. Dr. Prem Kirpal, Retired Education Secretary; 3. Dr. Musrul Hasan, Jamia Milia Islamia University; 4. Dr. Namyar Singh Educationist.	Hindi	30 mts.
3	12-11-88	Maulana Azad : Talk by Rafiq Shastri of PTI Bhasha.	Hindi	10 mts
4	21-02-89	Maulana Azad : Talk A Centenary Tribute by Prof. Saiyed Nurul Hasan	English	15 mts.
5	19-10-89	Maulana Apne Khutoot ke Aiyne mein : Feature.	Hindi	30 mts.

STATEMENT II

Details of programmes telecast by Doordarshan in the National Network on Maulana Abul Kalam Azad during his Centenary Year

S.No.	Programme	Date & time of telecast	Duration and language
1	2	3	4
1	Doana-E. Raaj-Maulana Abul Kalam Azad.	9.50 p.m. on 11-11-1988	30 mts. Urdu
2	Ittihad Ka Paikar Spl. prog. on Abul Kalam Azad.	10.40 p.m. on 22-2-1989	30 mts. Urdu

1	2	3	4
3	Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Memorial Lectures by Smt. Aruna Asaf Ali.	4.55 p.m. on 3-10-1989	54 mts. English
4	Yad-e-Azad-TV documentary on Maulana Abul Kalam Azad.	9.52 p.m. on 11-11-1989	30 mts. Urdu
5	Itlahad Ka Pakar-A Special programme on Birth Anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad. Participants : Smt. Aruna Asaf Ali, Smt. Najma Heptullah, Shri. Malikram, Dr. B.N. Chopra, Shri. Baqar Hussain.	11.04 p.m. on 11-11-1990	30 mts. Urdu
6	Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Serial. (Ep. 1)	10.00 p.m. on 6-3-90	25 mts. Urdu
7	—do— (Ep. 2)	10.00 p.m. on 13-3-90	—do—
8	—do— (Ep. 3)	10.00 p.m. on 20-3-90	—do—
9	—do— (Ep. 4)	10.00 p.m. on 27-3-90	—do—
10	—do— (Ep. 5)	10.00 p.m. on 3-4-90	—do—
11	—do— (Ep. 6)	10.00 p. m. on 10-4-90	—do—
12	—do— (consolidated version of the serial mentioned above).	11.10 p.m. on 22-2-91	30 mts. Urdu

Allocation of funds to Kerala under Rural Development Programmes

2110. **SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN:** Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated to Kerala under the rural development programmes, during the last three years, year-wise and programme-wise;

(b) the actual amount utilised, year-wise and programme-wise;

(c) whether the Union Government have established any independent monitoring system to keep a watch over utilisation of rural development funds; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) The funds